

# OFFICIAL GAZETTE



## GOVERNMENT OF GOA

### EXTRAORDINARY

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Department of Home

Home—General Division

Office of the Collector & District Election Officer,  
North Goa District

#### Order

No. 5-24 A-2007/DEO/LA/ELEC

#### Order u/s 144 of Criminal Procedure Code, 1973

To,

The Public Generally,

**Whereas**, the Election Commission of India, had announced the schedule for the General Elections to State Legislative Assembly, 2007 and the Model Code of Conduct for the General Election is already in force from 18-4-2007, which applies to the whole State of Goa; and

**Whereas**, Election Commission has issued instructions with regards to the preventive measures for General Elections to State Legislative Assembly to be taken by the District Magistrates and Police Authorities to maintain law & order and create peaceful atmosphere for the conduct of free and fair elections under the guidance of the Election Commission to ensure peaceful, free and fair polls in the State; and

**Whereas**, as per the instructions of the Election Commission of India and provisions of the Representation of Peoples Act, 1951, no campaigning/canvassing is allowed in the period of 48 hrs.

preceding the close of polls i.e. from 17.00 hrs. on 31-5-2007 till the close of poll on poll day, and;

**Whereas**, it is apprehended that some of the contesting candidates/political parties may indulge in canvassing from 5.00 p.m. on 31-5-2007 till 5.00 p.m. on 2-6-2007, using vehicles pasted with posters, symbols, flags, etc. thereby violating the spirit of the provisions of Section 126 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 and that there is a possibility of Law & Order situation arising due to such unauthorized campaigning/canvassing and such unauthorised use of vehicles during the 48 hrs. period prior to the close of polls; and

**Whereas**, in my considered opinion there is sufficient ground for exercising the powers vested in me for proceeding under sub-section (1) of Section 144 of Criminal Procedure Code 1973, and impose ban to display any election material like flag/banner/symbols/stickers on any vehicle (6 wheelers, 4 wheelers, 3 wheelers and 2 wheelers, etc. propelled by mechanical energy or otherwise) to ensure free, fair, peaceful, and orderly conduct of Election process and to prevent obstruction, annoyance or injury to any person lawfully employed or danger to human life or safety, disturbance of public tranquility or riot or an affray, during the election period; and

**Whereas**, I am satisfied that the circumstances do not admit serving, in due time, of the notices individually upon the persons against whom this order is directed;

**Now therefore**, I, Nikhil Kumar, IAS District Magistrate, North Goa District, Panaji in exercise of powers vested in me under Section 144 of Cr. P. C. 1973 do hereby prohibit all vehicle owners (6 wheelers,

4 wheelers, 3 wheelers and 2 wheelers, etc. propelled by mechanical energy or otherwise) plying in North Goa from using or allowing their vehicles to be used for any kind of election canvassing by pasting any poster, banners, flags, symbols, etc. for election purpose in any public place, street, road, square, thoroughfare, by-lanes or in any open place in the entire District of North Goa from 17.00 hrs. on 31-5-2007 till 5th June, 2007.

Violation of the above orders would make the vehicles liable to be impounded and further action under Section 188 of the IPC, 1860 will be taken.

Given under my hand and seal of this Office this 28th day of May, 2007.

*Nikhil Kumar, IAS,*  
Collector and District Election  
Officer, North Goa District